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LINKS — No. 2.

BY MRS. W. B. CAPRON.

The following I have taken from my portfolio, written in lead-pencil, and dated July, 1875:—

FIVE years ago, as I was one day visiting a sick infant, I was asked to go to a Brahmin lawyer's house and see his sick child. I consented, and found that the "child" was a young man about twenty-five, in the last stages of consumption. I have often recalled that visit, and wondered if the world's Redeemer, in his need of some one to carry a message of his saving love and power, had responded to the weak faith of that dying man, and kindled it into saving faith; and if somewhere among the eternal hills I should ever see him again,—would he ever tell me that Jesus had paid his debt, and had met him on his very dying day with salvation and heaven?

What if I had not gone that morning? One day, two months after our return from America, a young brother of the consumptive called. I had not seen him for three years, and had been wondering why he had not given us a welcome. He gave the reason.

"I have been away from this place, having been employed as a clerk. My father sent for me to come home. Do you remember," he continued, "coming to our house some years ago to see my brother, who soon after died?"

"Certainly," I replied; "I could not forget that visit if I would."

"Now," he went on to say, "my only other brother has come to the same age, and has been brought home from the Cumbum Valley, and is just as he was. He has sent me to ask if you will come and see him this afternoon."

"I can come," I replied; "but if he is like your other brother I could not hope to help him get well."

Speaking very rapidly he continued: "My brother knows a great deal—I mean that he has read many of your kind of books. It is not medicine, but to see you, that he wants."

So I went. It was the same house—the same dignified father at the door—the same mother bursting into tears as she saw me. A young sister had grown into beautiful womanhood; but that young man, very like his brother, wasted and panting, with large, searching eyes, was not, apparently, so nearly through with life.

I sat down on a couch beside him; I had never seen him before. "Well, my young friend," I said, "I have been here before, on very much such an errand."

"I know it. I remember it well. I have always remembered it. You did not see me. I stood out of your sight, behind that pillar there, and I heard every word that you said. Your visit did my brother great good. I knew that you would come and see me if I asked you. I want you to come often."

I told him frankly that nothing could save him from ere long making that great change called death, but what might be to him, if he would, an entrance into immortal life. If I came often, my one purpose would be to make him know a free salvation and a living Saviour ready to save. His "Thank you," and an expressive smile, were the only responses.

It was most trying to endure the restraint of his mother's presence, and especially that of his grand father. He was a polite old man, but sat directly in front of me, and was looking at me all the time. I could not expect much, if any, response from my listener before such an audience. His time was short, and whether he revealed his feelings or not, I must, with my own clearer light, see Him who is invisible, and see him then and there, and try to lead a blinded soul to feel after him.

Dear child of God, where were you then with your prayer of faith that could bring the blessing down? The Lord would have answered it. I needed it. Surely this soul reaching out for help needed it.

He was a rare listener, and often said, "True;" "I understand you;" but the lips revealed nothing more. When I arose to leave, he eagerly asked when I would come again. The daughter called the father, who, with the usual ceremony, brought in a large brass salver with rock-candy, areca nut, and betel leaf, which I duly honored, and left.

I had made two more visits, and had been fettered by the same group, when one morning he was announced as being at our own door. In his restlessness he had fancied going to a village five miles up the river, where his father owned a house, and where, on higher land, the air would be more dry. His family gratified him, and were going with him. He was on his way, but wished to see me, to know if I would come so far to see him should he send for me. I promised to do so, and two days after his brother brought his message and carried back the promise that I would come on Friday afternoon.

A mere cart-path on the uneven bed of the river is the usual way to the village. The thoughtful villagers, knowing that this would be a hard ride, had proposed that I take the road along the side of the river until I came to the crossing opposite the village, from which they would send a native cart to meet me, as better adapted to the rough road than the slender wheels of my conveyance. This was done; and not only were men sent to ease the wheels over the places of jolting, but festoons of leaves were hung across the street; "for this," they said, "is your first visit."

I took note of this with much hopefulness, for it assured me that I should not suffer interruption in what I had determined to do. I felt sure that this would be the last meeting on earth, and nothing that I could do must be left undone. The journey had been too much for him, and he was evidently aware that he was near death.

In trying to show him how to give himself to Christ, I asked him if it was any rest or comfort to him that I was in the village.

"Rest and comfort!" said he. "How can I tell what a rest!"

If I could only have such a bright response should I ask him if he had found rest in Christ, what a load of anxiety would be taken away. I told him that the One whose presence in that village, in that house, by our side, I had longed for, was my Saviour, and would be his Saviour. I was now going to tell this very Saviour what I wanted for him, and thus he would be better able to ask for himself.

"Do, do; I want that!" was his reply.

We were in a wide passage-way leading from the front to the back veranda. Six or eight men were talking softly on the front

one, and I gently pushed to the door; some women were on the one behind, and I asked the mother to partly close the door. She only was with us.

I said, "I am now going to ask the Lord Jesus, sent from heaven, to save us from our sin, and bring us safely to God and heaven, to save you."

"A great comfort," was his response. So I prayed; and after every sentence he would say, "Lord, this is what I want;" "Do so, O Lord;" "Yes, yes, even so;" "For me, also;" "True, true."

Mediator I have found to be a favorite word among my Hindu friends, and using the expression, "A Mediator between God, so holy and awful in his glory, and us, even this soul here, art thou, and we cling to thee," he fervently responded, "I do! I do!"

I never was in such a scene in my life. So long as this voice sounded in my ears, so long I felt as if I were holding him by the hand, and as if every step were bringing him nearer the waiting Saviour.

When I arose from my knees, his eyes were closed and his hands folded. Both doors had been opened, and all who were without had come in. As I looked at the row standing behind me, and recognized those between whom and myself had been a special experience, I thought of the words, "And they shall come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

Not a word was spoken. I laid my hand upon the forehead of the precious young friend. He opened his eyes and looked intently at me, and then closed them.

I was guided across the river in silence, and a quiet *salaam* ended the visit to that village. Sunday noon he died.

(To be continued.)

TURKEY.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM MISS M. E. SHELDON.

Miss Sheldon, who sailed for Turkey in September last, gives her first impressions as follows:—

It has occurred to me to write you of my first impressions. I hardly know where to begin. In the first place, I am surprised at the natural beauty of the place; for around the collection of tile-roofed houses and poorly laid streets is a circle of hills, with their constant variation of light and shade, upon which I delight to look. Again I was surprised in the house itself. Our rooms

are pretty, comfortable, and American-like. I wish you could look into our sitting-room, where I am writing, and see the effect of the new carpet. The other furniture consists of two divans, wide and comfortable, a book-rack, an organ, tables, our two rattan rocking-chairs, easy-chairs, etc. The walls are smooth and white, and prettily ornamented with pictures and brackets, gifts from Miss Farnham's friends in America. On the balcony opening from the room are rows of plants, several still in bloom. Our own rooms are also pretty, and the schoolroom is very cheerful, with its American desks, etc. I have been much attracted to the girls, who seem bright and lovable. Those I have in organ lessons are doing well, and the whole school is making good progress in singing. Of other studies, which as yet I cannot understand, I have good reports. The people are very friendly and cordial, doing their share toward making me feel at home. Every one in America and along the way had spoken in ways that prepared me for hardships, and I have been agreeably surprised on every side. I think I must guard against being too comfortable, rather than being uncomfortable.

Doubtless you have heard that my journey ended safely November 2d. It was a delightful experience from beginning to end, rich in opportunities for seeing and hearing those things of which we read.

My welcome here was very cordial, from Miss Farnham herself to the smallest child in school. My goods all arrived two or three weeks before I did, and Miss Farnham, Mrs. Parsons, and Miss Lizzie had unpacked, so that I found everything ready to my hand when I went to my room to change my dress upon arriving. From the very first I have felt at home, and have been very happy. My content has doubtless been the greater, because in a very few days I was able to begin regular work in music, both with the school for singing drill, and with the pupils who take organ lessons. The hours which are devoted to study form a pleasant change from the other work, which is restful in its turn, so that neither drags. I can imagine it would be very hard to be surrounded with work, and yet have nothing to do except study, because of the need of a medium of communication.

WEST CENTRAL AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MRS. WM. E. FAY.

(Concluded from the January number.)

THERE are many things I would like to tell you about our journey,—of my *tepoia* men, their names, and what they are like;

of their kindness to me, and their various ways of entertaining me, like bringing me wild flowers and singing to me; but I might tire you. . . .

Bailundu, July 24th.—O how delightful it is to be in Bailundu, and to be in the very house Mr. Fay built, years ago! It seems so pleasant to be in a house again; for, though made of mud, it does not seem like a mud house. The Stovers have taken a great deal of trouble to arrange it for us. We found matting on the floors, curtains up, a cupboard, and a stove set up with a fire in it. Wasn't that delightful? Yes, and a table and some chairs, so that all we had to do was to make ourselves at home immediately. It seems too good to be true! Now for work: here are our dishes, and I will have the pleasure of unpacking. My husband and myself had our first supper to-night at our own table, and in honor of the occasion I took out our prettiest dishes; and as we hadn't much to put on them we feasted on the pretty designs. I opened a can of cherries, and with bread they were delicious. We shall try to make our house as much like home as possible, opening many of the pretty things we brought with us, which will, in a measure, serve to take away some of the longings for the home I have left, that will come over me sometimes, in spite of all I can do. I wish all the dear friends could see us comfortably settled here for the present; but as that cannot be, think of us, and pray for us.

August 17th.—Mr. Saunders and Mr. Fay have returned from their trip to Bihé a whole week earlier than we expected them. The scene changes now, and it means pack up in a hurry, bake bread enough for a week, and be off in four or five days. I will tell you the result of the visit to Bihé. The gentlemen reached there Thursday the 12th. They went first to King Jamba Yamina, who would not listen to their going to Kapakos, a part of Bihé, neither would he allow them to go to Sakagala. They left the king much disappointed. The next day they were no more successful. The king seemed determined they should go no farther than Kanondongo, which is the same place where they attempted to settle before. They preferred not to build there, as timber is scarce, and there are fewer people, but it was decided best to occupy it. In three days we shall move on, and then for two months of tent-life, while our houses are going up. We shall begin work as soon as possible with the children, as the king and several head-men have intimated their wish to send their children to the school. This will retard our building, but Mr. Saunders feels it very important to work with the people at once, teaching and

preaching; and as soon as it is best, they will go out on preaching tours.

Before we leave Bailundu, I should like to have you take a peep at our present home. You enter our kitchen, dining-room, sitting-room, and parlor as soon as you cross the threshold, and I hope it will seem as pleasant to you as it did to me when I first entered it. Look down, and you will find a reed matting on the floor; look up, and you will find the same overhead. Do not criticise the walls if they are uneven, for they are of mud, and the masons used their hands for trowels. Don't be alarmed if you see a spider the size of half a dollar, for this is something you must get used to, and you are at perfect liberty to use your slipper or a broomstick in retarding its progress. These are not the only ornaments on our walls, for here on a palm-rib pole is suspended our indispensable kitchen furniture,—anything of tin or wooden ware that will hang; and if you find it dusty, don't blame our faithful boy, but rather the living creatures overhead, who seem to delight in making nocturnal visits; whether snakes, or rats, or lizards I am not sure, but it is something that visits my pantry and runs off with my food. Do you wonder what our food is? Sometimes canned oysters, sometimes codfish; chickens, when we can get them, and eggs; and we have a very nice plum, called by the natives *olohingo*, which serves as a relish. Our salmon, that we thought would taste so nice, did not come; and our tea and small groceries were coolly dropped on the way by a man who suddenly decided to return to Benguela, but would bring the box whenever he came back. We think it doubtful whether we ever see it again; and as our coffee and tea are in the box also, we must at present live by eating, rather than drinking. One reason why we wish to be settled is, to be housed before the rainy season; another is, to prepare our garden, so that while you dear ones in the home-land are shivering in winter, we will be enjoying our peas, green corn, new potatoes and tomatoes, and perhaps lettuce and cucumbers.

Later.—Since last writing I have attended two Sabbath services, our evening service being one of prayer for special guidance, help, and protection; for though we are not in any present or personal danger, much wisdom must be used in dealing with the people.

Young People's Department.

THE WORK OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

BY MISS A. R. HARTSHORN.

The following paper given at a convention of Christian Endeavor Societies in Eastern Massachusetts, is so suggestive as to the relation of these organizations to the foreign missionary work and to the Woman's Board, we give it entire for the benefit of our readers:—

OUR Constitution says, "It shall be the duty of this Committee to provide for an occasional missionary meeting, to interest the members of the Society in all ways in missionary topics, and to aid in any manner which may seem practicable the cause of Home and Foreign Missions." Here is a broad field of labor. Surely this Committee has abundant opportunity for work.

The question is often asked, "How can we interest our members in missions, and how can we make them *want* to come to missionary meetings as much as to any of the others." In the brief time allotted to this paper, only a few suggestions can be offered. Give just as many a part in the meeting as possible. Some can read a selection here who find it hard to say a word of their own. This is a good time for such to learn to use their voices, when they do not feel special responsibility for the selection made. Give information as well as entertainment at these meetings, but put the information in an interesting form. Have a good, bright missionary story read. Sometimes have a question-box started at one meeting, the answers to be given at the next. Let the Missionary Committee talk up the meeting with the members as they meet from time to time. If they know of any who make it a practice to stay away when the missionary evening comes, send them notes of invitation; give just those something to do. If they have a part, they cannot help but feel some interest in that one meeting at least. Use all the legitimate ways you can think of to draw the young people of the church to these meetings.

Perhaps I cannot do better than to give a brief account of a Christian Endeavor missionary meeting I once attended. The subject was China. After the opening exercises some one asked, "What route do we take in going from Boston to China?" From the opposite side of the room came the answer. Then followed in rapid succession, as if the persons had just thought to ask a dozen or more questions, such as, "How large is China? Have the people strange customs? What is their home life? Are they a relig-

ious people? What has the Christian world done for China? When did China first hear of Christ?" These questions and answers had been prepared by the Committee, and given out beforehand. It took time, but it paid. A set of Chinese pictures was shown illustrating the manner and customs of the Chinese. A very entertaining letter from a lady missionary in Foochow was read, that told of the formation and growth of a Christian Endeavor Society there. A quartette rendered two beautiful songs, and one young lady sang a solo. The meeting ended with the reading of a story, called "The Other Girl's Work." It was an interesting meeting, and I am sure no one could have gone away thinking otherwise.

As the company lingered for a talk after the meeting, one of the Committee was heard to say to another, "Now what shall we do for our next meeting; it comes in five weeks, you know?"

It is good and profitable to have these interesting meetings, but this is only a small part of the duty of this Committee, as set before them in the constitution. They are not only to hold missionary meetings, but they are to "aid in any manner which may seem practicable, the cause of Home and Foreign Missions." Just how are they to do this? The answer seems to be, through the missionary work of the Church. Are the churches doing all they can in the way of missionary work? And are the Christian Endeavor Societies doing their part in the missionary work of their own churches? Is there a Mission Circle in your church? If there is one, is it in a flourishing condition? Is the Christian Endeavor Society helping it in all the ways that it can? How many members of the Society are members of the Circle? Do all the Missionary Committee belong to it? If not, here is just the chance for this Committee to work. Join the Circle, and give it your enthusiastic support. Do not try to engineer it, for it is probably well organized already, but do all you can to induce those in the Society who are not already members to join it with you. If there is no Mission Circle in your church, start one. Do not let it be said that there is a Christian Endeavor Society satisfied with its work, while there is no Mission Circle in their church. Do not try to make the Endeavor Society into a Mission Circle, for that Society has work to do in many directions, but form one from any young people in the church, whether in the Society or not, and take this as part of the work that the Society gives you to do for the church.

Make the Mission Circle auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions or the Woman's Home Missionary Association, and you will be more interested and enthusiastic if you are a part of one of these large missionary societies.

Let me tell you what one Missionary Committee did to increase the interest in their church. We felt here, in Phillip's Church, South Boston, that we might do a good deal more; and so our Missionary Committee consulted with our pastor's wife, and with her consent and approval an invitation was given to all who would like to be doing more missionary work to meet at the pastor's house. A large number gathered on the evening appointed, and after a little talk it was voted to organize a Mission Circle. Then came the question, "What shall we work for?" A good many were strongly in favor of Home Missions, and felt that while there was so much to be done at home, they need not do much for Foreign Missions; but the Committee felt they were trying to do the Master's work according to his directions, and they could not find any verse in the Bible that said, "Go ye into all the United States and preach the gospel, and there will be time enough for all the rest of the world afterward." It was finally agreed that they should work for both. The question then came up, "How can we be auxiliary to both the Woman's Board of Missions and the Woman's Home Missionary Association?" After a little inquiry we found the following plan to be the easiest and best. First, we chose our officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, for the Foreign Society, and made our plans for work. After this was arranged satisfactorily to all, we voted to adjourn, and were at once called to order again to organize our Home Missionary Society.

We chose a new set of officers, and as the same young ladies were members of both Circles, there were no conflicting plans. We arranged that the Home and Foreign Circles should hold their meetings alternately once a month. We have a membership fee of ten cents for the Foreign Society, which will bring in the money necessary to make us auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions, while our Home Missionary fee will come in some other way.

The Home Missionary Society has sent one of its members South, to see something of the work among the Freedmen, and she will tell them all about her visit at the next meeting. The Foreign Society sent some one to Ceylon, to see what our missionary, Miss Leitch, was doing. Although these young ladies will only take the trip on paper, we expect such interesting stories of their visits that our hearts will be stirred, and we shall be more anxious to help in the work than ever.

We are delighted with our plan, and with the perfect harmony which it assures us in the two distinct Societies, and we rejoice in the prospect of increasing interest in the needs of our own country and of the whole world.

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WORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR 1887.

THE officers of the Woman's Board wish to propose that the young ladies connected with it, both as societies and as individuals, shall undertake the following work in 1887:—

Enlargement of the Kioto Home, at a cost of	\$1,100
The running expenses of the Training-School for Nurses in Kioto	900
Medical Work in Bombay, under the care of Miss Conduct, <i>Finishing Rooms in Enlargement of Inanda Seminary.</i>	1,000
Four Lower Rooms, at \$150 each	600
Eight Upper Rooms, at \$125 each	1,000

The Kioto Home, it will be remembered, was built in 1876, with centennial offerings from the children, and there has been a Christian girls' school within its walls from that time to the present. About a year ago this school was reorganized, with Miss Clarkson,—now Mrs. Cady,—so well and pleasantly known to so many young ladies in this country, at its head, and Miss Hooper as assistant. Under their joint management the school has had a most successful year, and a very pressing call has come for enlargement, at a cost of \$1,100. This is an absolute necessity for the health and comfort of both teachers and scholars, and the provision for the many who are applying for a place in the school. Those who were children eleven years ago are young ladies now, and we wish to ask them for another offering for this work in Kioto, one of the largest and most influential cities in Japan. The amount will be divided into shares of \$10 each, so as to place it within the reach of all, and we feel sure of a response from the young ladies. We feel sure also that those who have contributed to the building for the Training-School for Nurses in the same city, will be glad to help in the running expenses; while those who have been so much interested in medical work, will be glad of the opportunity afforded by the providential opening in Bombay. We are happy to state that five hundred of the thousand dollars needed have been already pledged by the young ladies in our Worcester County Branch.

Of Inanda Seminary we need not speak at length. Its history and remarkable success are well known to the regular readers of LIFE AND LIGHT. Is it not sufficient to say, that the missionaries fear an epidemic similar to the one which so injured the school two years ago, if the over-crowded state of the rooms should be continued? We should be glad to have the rooms named in any way desired by the donors. We can think of no better memorial for a loved daughter, mother, or sister than in a building where African girls may be taught the way of life. Africa needs Christian

mothers and teachers. Are there not many who will do something, however small, to supply them?

We propose that the remainder of this enlargement shall be provided for by the children who have done so well for the building at Kusaie the past year. Mr. Kilbon, one of the missionaries of the American Board, has kindly made out a schedule of the different parts, which we hope will be taken up as rapidly as possible. We know that many little Light-Bearers will wish to have a part in sending gospel light into the Dark Continent, and in helping little African girls to know and love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The schedule is as follows:—

GRANT FOR EXTENSION OF INANDA SEMINARY.

<i>Bricks.</i> —75,000 bricks at \$15 per M.	\$1,125	\$1,125
<i>Brick Layer.</i> —16 2-3 square yards foundation at 60 cts.,	10	
160 square yards 9-inch wall, at 50 cts.	80	
100 square yards 14-inch wall, at 60 cts.	60	
Chimney	5	
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<i>Carpentry.</i> —6 window frames at \$5	\$30	
12 new windows and frames at \$10	120	
20 doors and frames at \$10	200	
150 square yards roofing, lumber, covered iron, and work, \$1.50 per square yard	225	
Stairway	30	
<i>Plumbing.</i> —Eave-spouting, and leaders to tank	15	
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		\$1,900

Our Work at Home.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions, was held in the Church of the Redeemer, New Haven, Conn., Wednesday and Thursday, January 12th and 13th. For the third time in its history the Board accepted an invitation to hold its annual gathering with one of its Branches, and again rejoiced in the cordial welcome from those thoroughly awake to promote its interests, the large hospitality afforded to nearly two hundred delegates and missionaries, and the unflagging attention to details that add so much to the real success of a meeting. The "familiar snowstorm" had spent itself on the previous Sabbath, and the bright skies and crisp winter air were all that could be desired.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional meeting on Wednesday morning, led by Mrs. Wilde, President of the Vermont Branch, was largely attended, and formed a fitting preparation for the exercises of the day. The regular session was opened at ten o'clock by the President, Mrs. Albert Bowker, who gave as the key-note of the meeting the words of the Prophet Daniel on the coming kingdom — the everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom which shall not be destroyed — a prophecy in whose fulfillment we are privileged to have a part. After devotional exercises, and the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, a very graceful welcome was given by Mrs. Burdett Hart, President of the New Haven Branch, with a cordial response by the President of the Board. Miss Stanwood then gave a message from Rev. Dr. Clark, of the American Board, who said, "Please present my cordial salutations to the ladies at the meeting, and tell them there was never greater need of work and workers than there is to-day. The chief advance that has been made the last three years has been through the Woman's Boards. I do not think any work is dearer to the heart of our Lord himself than the work of the Woman's Boards." The annual report was presented by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. S. B. Pratt, of Boston. After a brief reference to the home department, she invited the audience to attend with her the annual meetings of the different missions. With great skill and interest she brought out the salient points in each, making a record of unusual progress, wonderful openings, and a loud, in some cases an almost despairing, cry for reinforcements. The report of the treasury, given by Miss H. W. May, Assistant Treasurer, showed the receipts of the year to be \$106,509.57.

The missionary address of the morning was given by Mrs. S. M. Schneider, of Constantinople, who began by contrasting the state of things during her early missionary life and the present. In 1848, when she first went out, there were no schools, no colleges, no teachers, no women who could read. Now, in 1887, there are 33 churches, 4,300 church-members, 4,325 scholars in schools, colleges, and seminaries. Then, superstition and ignorance, ridicule, and hatred of Christian missionaries; now, schools, churches, quiet behavior, and pleasant welcome of missionary or teacher. In 1880, after a visit in America, Mrs. Schneider returned to Constantinople for city missionary work. She began by engaging a house in Gedik Pasha, and picking up a few little waifs in the street, and singing, talking, and praying with them. Soon these children drew others, and through them their parents became

interested; and it was not long before not only one house was filled, but it became necessary to hire another; and in these two houses, every Sunday, were gathered over one hundred people, old and young, of various nationalities — Turkish, Armenian, Bulgarian, and Greek. Besides the Sunday services, Mrs. Schneider, and her associate, Miss Gleason, spent much time in the distribution of tracts, in superintending an evening-school and two coffee-rooms supplied with religious and secular reading, often proving a center for much religious discussion besides, and social evenings in their own parlor, made attractive with books, music, and occasional lectures. Prayer was offered by Miss Gilman, of the Eastern Connecticut Branch, and the meeting adjourned till two o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The session for Wednesday afternoon was arranged especially for young ladies, and the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, many standing in the aisles nearly through the exercises. The reports of Branches given on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning will be deferred to the next number. A paper, "What One Other Girl Did," by Mrs. Daniel Lothrop, was read by Miss Cady, of New Haven. It was a gracefully written sketch, showing how an earnest young wife, in spite of her husband's protest, won for the mission work the leader of a coterie of fashionable young girls for the mission work, and eventually her followers with her. The sentence, "Into the beauty of your life let some beautiful thought for others come," proved to be the seed-thought which, in time, transformed a gay, thoughtless life into one of earnest service. Mrs. Capron, of the Madura Mission, spoke briefly to the representatives of mission circles present, on the real meaning of gifts and prayers for foreign missions. She described the four Hindu girls' schools under her care in Madura, with their three hundred and fifty pupils, and the wonderful benefits that came to them through a Christian education, and of the power of gospel truth upon their lives. She also spoke of her own joy in the thought that she could say, as did our Lord, "I have given them thy Word."

The singing of a hymn was followed by a most interesting address by Miss G. R. Hance, of the Zulu Mission. For sixteen years her work has been largely among the kraals, and she told a touching story of her efforts among them. For a whole year she went in and out of the dark, smoky huts, trying to rouse the women from their degradation, with no apparent results. At last the light began to dawn on their dark minds; the religious meetings

held with them, at first despised and ridiculed, began to be tolerated, and finally welcomed as bright spots in their lives. Then followed the school and the chapel, built under her personal superintendence she herself measuring the land and bringing the thatch for the roof; children grew interested in their studies, were sent to Inanda Seminary, and became teachers and heads of Christian households. Many of the women, also, who seemed hopelessly sunk in degradation and filth, began to appreciate the better way, and to live earnest Christian lives. The address abounded in pathetic incidents of the waking up of the immortal souls in these women, and the great change that was wrought.

The next speaker was Mrs. Coravon Milligen, formerly a missionary of the Board in the Home at Constantinople, and now a resident in that city, who, in a most persuasive manner, presented the needs and the joys of foreign missionary life to the young ladies present. While earnest work was needed everywhere, there was no field in which there were greater opportunities for usefulness, or greater scope for the highest powers. The trials and privations of missionary life, great though they were at times, almost invariably sunk into insignificance in comparison with the true enjoyment of such service. Even in the separation from friends, there was a compensation in the enriching of the lives of those who stay, as well as those who go. A convincing testimony to the truth of this statement was the trial it was to those who had ever tasted the joy of the work, to be kept away from it, their hearts always remaining in their beloved mission-field. Those who felt they were not qualified to undertake so great a work, were urged to let it be known that they were willing to serve the Master whenever needed, and to let others judge of their fitness.

A solo, "Heavenward," very beautifully rendered by Miss Hazlet, was followed by an address by Miss Alice E. Freeman, of Wellesley College. Standing as she did as an embodiment of higher education, and representing an institution where six hundred girls were preparing for their life-work, every word went straight to its mark, and commanded the closest attention of the large audience. As she dwelt upon the desire to make their lives "tell," which she found in so many girls under her charge, upon the nobility and significance of a life of self-forgetfulness, and upon the "brave, sweet lesson" of consecrated living, urging those present to choose "what will last," there was manifest a quick response in many a young face before her. She spoke of the great satisfaction of the twenty-six Wellesley students who were in foreign missionary service, in contrast with the emptiness and vague unrest of a life of ease at home, and urged the Board to make large

demands on the college, that the students might have the opportunity for this high service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

At the public meeting in the evening, at which Rev. J. E. Todd presided, about 1,000 people, were present.

After Scripture reading, and prayer by Rev. Newman Smyth, D.D., Rev. J. E. Twitchell, D.D., of the Dwight Place Church, delivered an address of welcome.

After bidding the representatives of the Board a hearty welcome to the city of New Haven, the homes and hearts of its people, he spoke eloquently of woman's work in the church, in Bible times, in the different historical eras of the last eighteen hundred years; and of the great need of the united effort of all the Christian women who form the constituency of the Board for the missionary work of the present day.

Rev. Lucius O. Lee, of Marash, Turkey, gave a very clear and interesting resumé of the condition of things in Turkey, and of the effect of missionary work there.

Turkey is one of the dark nations, and until recently death hung over the person who would change his religion. It contains that great political center, Constantinople, upon which Russia looks with greedy eye, on account of its maritime advantages. The people of Turkey are the most cultivated in the world. Their religion is Mohammedanism. Our chief work has been among the Armenians. There are about 3,000,000 of them in Turkey, and about 1,500,000 in Russia. They are principally merchants, and it is said that so sharp at trade are they, that should you confine a Jew and an Armenian in one room, each with an equal sum of money, the Armenian would have all the money by eventide.

For thirty years the Christian religion has been spread about Turkey; but it is impossible to give direct reports of the good effects reached. There are, however, indirect effects. Sunday is quietly kept, and the priests are better educated. There are also great religious movements, wherein the people refuse to attend services unless the priest preaches in a language they understand. Our Bible Society at Constantinople has distributed some 2,000,000 Bibles through the country, and our paper is published in four different languages, with over 100,000 paid-up subscriptions. We have to work against the Government, which acknowledges that the Christian religion is doing more to undermine it than any other instrument. With all this, however, the thousands of Bibles which are being annually bought and read in secret will work out the salvation of the people.

The closing address was by Judson Smith, D.D., of Boston, Secretary of the American Board, who began by saying:—

“The sight of your numbers and the sense of your earnestness are almost a new revelation of the power and promise that are in the Woman’s Board. Whatever else about our missionary work may be doubtful or perplexing, we always find in this Board a sure dependence and a strong support. As I look into your faces and consider whence you came, what plans and deliberations engage you here, and to what labors you will soon return, and when I think of all that this devotion is yielding in the foreign field, and how much more it promises to yield,—for myself and for my associates, and in the name of the American Board, I give you our heartiest God-speed.”

He then went on to speak of the growth of missions in this century, of their influence in the political questions of the day, and of the providential way in which women had been brought into the work.

Statistics and written reports will never give a correct idea of the work and good done. The result of the work done by women is, that the homes within the circle of the influence of our women missionaries are becoming Christian homes. But in looking forward, we seem to have only gained a footing. Between us and our accomplished desire there are many years of ceaseless toil. The millions of those who confront us is almost appalling, and the number is greater than when we began, seventy-five years ago. Victory at last shall come. It is not our place to congratulate ourselves on the work that is done, but to gird on our garments anew. This is the spirit in which we are to go forward, and in which the victory is to be won.

A hymn was sung, and after a short prayer by Rev. Burdett Hart, D.D., the doxology was sung, and the congregation was dismissed.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A delightful devotional meeting led by Mrs. H. D. Hume, Secretary of the New Haven Branch, closed at ten, at which time the regular session began. The President added to the thought of the previous day on the coming kingdom, that of womanly sacrifice for the work as exemplified in the devotion of Mary to our Lord while on the earth, saying that the tears and the efforts spent on his little ones would be just as dear to him as was the ministering to his personal wants. Reports of branches were followed by greetings from other Boards. Cordial expressions as to the oneness of the work in all societies, and the bonds of sympathy that brought all near to-

gether, were given by Mrs. Scales, of Missouri, for the Woman's Board of the Interior, by Mrs. O. W. Gates for the Baptist Board, and Mrs. Turner for the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who chanced to be in the audience; greetings from the Woman's Board of the Pacific were sent by letter.

After the singing of a hymn, a paper, "For Such a Time as This," was given by Miss E. Harriet Stanwood, of Boston. She spoke of what had been accomplished for the different peoples among whom missionaries have labored, in elevating their social condition, in education, in medical work, especially by woman, and in the victory over so many languages. This was shown to be but a beginning of the work accomplished. The paper will be given in full in *LIFE AND LIGHT*.

The next speaker was Mrs. L. S. Gates, of the Maratha Mission. She commenced by saying that if she were addressing a company of Marathi women, she would endeavor to attract their attention by singing; she then sang, very sweetly, one of the plaintive native lyrics, and went on to speak of the encouraging prospect of the gospel in her mission. She pictured the various Sabbath-gatherings, ranging from the handful of women in a small village, to the large congregations in the church in Ahmednagar, which can seat a thousand people, and where six or seven hundred meet to celebrate the Lord's Supper. The eagerness with which some of the women sought these meetings, was instanced by one who walked twelve miles on Saturday night to attend, returning on Sunday night, to be ready for work on Monday morning. She also described the interesting scenes when offerings were made for Christian work, some bringing money, some sheep, chickens, cocoanuts, fruits, according as the Lord had prospered them. She closed with an affectionate greeting, which she was commissioned to bring to the women in America from the Christian women in India.

The closing address of the morning was by Miss M. L. Page, of Smyrna. In the most charming way she led the audience into the old city of Smyrna, saying she did not know which would surprise them most, the long line of camels, with their burdens, in the streets, or the horse-cars that ran along beside them; the unfamiliar costumes of the Turks and Armenians of the interior, or the men and women dressed in the latest fashions from Paris. In the midst of this cosmopolitan, worldly city, the girls' school was established in 1881, and now numbers 54 pupils, mostly Greek and Armenian. Incidents were told of the devotion of the pupils to the school, their faithfulness in study, their strenuous efforts to provide the ways and means to overcome the opposition of their friends to

remain in it, and of the earnest, religious spirit that prevails. Miss Page also spoke of the importance of the kindergarten work, under the care of Miss Bartlett, in Smyrna, where an influence is gained over quite young children when it is comparatively easy to turn their minds in the right direction, and where promising scholars are prepared for the boarding-school. She spoke of the great joys of missionary life, and appealed to the young ladies present to give themselves to the foreign work. A proposition for young ladies' and children's work for 1887, which will be found on another page, was then made by the Home Secretary; prayer was offered by Mrs. Palmer, of Springfield; and the meeting adjourned till two o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with singing, after which the officers for the ensuing year were elected — the only change being the addition of Mrs. Jeremiah Taylor to the Board of Directors. The recent death of Mrs. W. S. Houghton, one of the Directors, was alluded to in the annual report, and the sad event cast a shadow over all the meetings.

The first address of the afternoon was by Mrs. S. B. Capron, who held every eye and every heart in the large audience as she told of her work among the women in Madura. The three great principles which she laid down for her labors with them were, "Doing what the Lord and Master wanted; unflinching faith in the success of the work; and confidence in the power of the women of India to work for themselves when the time comes."

She related one touching incident after another of the way in which they received the gospel, showing its thorough adaptation to their needs, and their simple faith in its teachings, although prevented from confessing Christ before men. Their desire for definite ideas of truth, was evidenced in the question of a Hindu woman, "In the day of judgment shall you stand with India or America?" The mingling of the gospel hymns of her Sabbath-school under the shadow of Menarchi's temple, with the din of idol worship, she believed to be a prophecy of future triumphs in India. The motto which had given her courage in her labors was inspiring for others, "Go and speak bright and shining words for me, and I will do the rest."

The next speaker was Pundita Ramabai, whose history is so well known to our readers. Once more, her slight figure draped from head to foot in her white *sarree*, the brave little woman told the pathetic story of the wrongs of her countrywomen; the evils of child-marriage and enforced widowhood, which sometimes drive

them to burst the bonds that crush them, leading them to suicide, crime, or a life of shame, although many persevere in their honorable, upright lives, and compel the respect of those about them. Her appeal to Christian women to "send your good religion, your religion that makes you so large-hearted and noble, to my people, to help one hundred and twenty-two million of women to escape from their suffering," will long be remembered by all present.

This was followed by a very earnest address from Miss Gouldy, of Japan. She took the appeal for more workers for Japan, by Mr. De Forest, in the January number of *LIFE AND LIGHT*, and, "reading between the lines," made a most forcible plea for reinforcements in this important crisis in the history of the Japanese nation. A paper, "Do It With Thy Might," by Miss Abbie B. Child, a resolution of thanks, and other business, closed a meeting of exceptional interest throughout its five sessions.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW YORK STATE BRANCH.

THE pleasant town of Lockport welcomed the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the New York Branch, October 27th. By abundantly providing for many more delegates than were present, its warm-hearted Christian people proved themselves "not forgetful to entertain strangers."

The First Annual Meeting was held there, triumphing in the Lord that the struggle of the Branch for an existence had become a victory. Now, though not keeping pace in strength and numbers with her desires, her societies and finances have increased more than fivefold.

The Branch supports seven missionaries, having shares in boarding and day schools and the Foochow Medical Dispensary, besides supporting scholarships and Bible-women.

The reports of secretaries and vice-presidents showed a general increase of interest throughout the Branch, and the organization of sixteen new societies.

An interesting and suggestive paper upon "Forming Young Ladies' Societies," was read by Mrs. Cunningham, of West Groton. Greetings from the Woman's Board were given in a pleasing manner by Miss Stanwood, in addition to which she spoke of the urgent and pressing need of the work in the churches at home, as well as in the fields abroad.

Miss Holmes, of Binghamton, presented the needs of Foochow in a clearly and forcibly written paper. She showed that the

work already done by Dr. Kate Woodhull and her sister, is sufficient guarantee that all the funds put into their hands will be wisely and efficiently used to carry forward the work of healing both the bodies and souls of those hitherto ignorant and misguided people.

Mrs. Haines, of Lockport, led a short consecration service. The thought was based upon the consecration of priests to their service, and the *heritage* of God's people to be kings and priests unto God.

Mrs. Knapp gave an added interest and inspiration to the meeting by an account of the years of service of herself and husband in Bitlis, Turkey, emphasizing the fact, as proved by their experience and that of many others, that the money expended, the self-sacrifice and the labor, *pay*.

The meeting was a good and helpful one, yet the shadow of a sense of loss had been over all its sessions, on account of the resignation and absence of the President, Mrs. Bradley, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Norton, to whose faithful and efficient services for eight years Mrs. Cunningham presented a testimonial, which was accepted by a rising vote.

Mrs. Calvin Haines, of Lockport, was elected President, Miss Clara A. Holmes, of Binghamton, Treasurer, and Mrs. Theodore R. Davis, of Brooklyn, Secretary, of Mission Circles.

The thanks of the meeting were extended to the ladies of Lockport for their cordial hospitality, and to those who had kindly added to the interest of the meeting in the service of song and in other ways. The meeting closed with the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."

A. P. W.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Receipts from Dec. 18, 1886, to Jan'y 1, 1887.

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, TREASURER.

MAINE.		MASSACHUSETTS.	
<i>West Pembroke.</i> —A Friend,	\$ 35	<i>Andover and Woburn Branch.</i> —	
Total,	\$ 35	Miss E. F. Wilder, Treas.	
		Wakefield, Aux., of wh., \$25	
		const. L. M. Mrs. John W.	
		White, and prev. contri.	
		const. L. M. Mrs. E. C. Poland,	
		\$45; Bedford, Pine-Needles	
		M. C., \$10; Lowell, Paw-	
		tucket, Aux., \$42; First Ch.,	
		Aux., \$111.57; Draeut, Central	
		Ch., Aux., \$10; Andover,	
		Aux., \$203.50; Burlington, Aux.,	
NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
<i>Chester.</i> —Miss Emily J. Hazel-	\$1 00		
ton,	\$1 00		
Total,	\$1 00		

\$15.10; Winchester, Aux., of wh. \$25 by Mrs. M. A. Herrick, const. L. M. Mrs. Clara H. Herrick, \$104; Medford, Mystic Cong. S. S., \$2.25; West Medford, Cong. Ch., \$10; Malden, Aux., \$21,	\$574 42
<i>East Billerica</i> .—Children,	50
<i>Hampshire Co. Branch</i> .—Miss I. G. Clarke, Treas. East Amherst, Aux., \$14; Northampton, First Ch., M. C., \$100, M. B., \$25,	139 00
<i>Middlesex Union Conf. Asso.</i> —Mrs. A. R. Wheeler, Treas. Littleton, Aux.,	10 00
<i>Newburyport</i> .—A Friend,	25
<i>Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch</i> .—Mrs. F. Shaw, Treas. Weymouth and Braintree, Aux., \$14; Brockton, Aux., \$50; Braintree, Aux., \$3, Happy Workers, \$10; Quincy, Aux., \$10,	87
<i>Suffolk Branch</i> .—Miss M. B. Child, Treas. Boston, Union Ch., Aux., \$50, Central Ch., Aux., \$87; South Boston, Phillips Ch., S. S., \$100; Roxbury, Walnut Ave. Ch., Aux., of wh. \$100 const. L. M. Miss Louise H. Blaney, \$102.30, Immanuel Ch., Aux., \$40.63, Eliot Ch., Aux., \$3; Dorchester, A Friend, \$5, Second Ch., Aux., \$109.60, Junior, \$13.27; West Roxbury, So. Evan. Ch., Aux., \$2, Jamaica Plain, Wide-Awakes, \$60; Cambridgeport, Miss E. S. Frothingham's S. S. Ch., Prospect St. Ch., \$2; Newton, Aux., \$300; Auburn-dale, Aux., Thank-off., \$24.85, Willing Hands, \$5; Miss L. S. Mitchell, \$1; Dedham, Aux., \$182; Franklin Wide-Awakes, \$50, Mary Warfield Miss'y Soc'y, const. L. M. Miss Rena Bullard, \$25,	1,192 65
Total,	\$2,003 82

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Clintonville</i> .—G. S. V.,	\$5 00
<i>Windsor Locks</i> .—A Friend,	4 40
Total,	\$9 40

NEW YORK.

<i>East Blomfield</i> .—Ladies' F. M. Soc'y,	\$6 75
<i>Pekin</i> .—Abigail Peck,	5 00
Total,	\$11 75

OHIO.

<i>Pomeroy</i> .—Ladies of Welsh Cong. Ch.,	\$9 40
Total,	\$9 40

MICHIGAN.

<i>Grand Ledge</i> .—A Friend,	\$ 90
Total,	\$ 90

WISCONSIN.

<i>Whittlesey</i> .—Miss Flora Hale,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

CANADA.

<i>Prescott, Ont.</i> —Mrs. G. C. Adams,	\$10 00
Total,	\$10 00

General Funds,	\$2,051 62
Leaflets,	8 50
Total,	\$2,060 12

Receipts from Jan'y 1 to Jan'y 18, 1887.

MAINE.

<i>Castine</i> .—Desert Palm Soc'y,	\$20 00
<i>Maine Branch</i> .—Mrs. W. S. Dana, Treas. Auburn, Y. L. M. B., const. L. M. Mrs. F. S. Root, \$25; Calais, Aux., \$10.06; Scarboro, Y. L., Aux., \$25.00; North Bridgton, Ladies, \$10; Bangor, Aux., \$24; Madison, Aux., \$8; Gorham, Aux., \$50; Saco, Aux., \$3.75; Waterville, Aux., \$23.25, S. S. Centre Ch., \$8.03; Machias, Aux., \$17.45;	

Portland, Y. L. M. B., const. L. M. Miss Ella F. Gerrish, \$25; Aux., New Year's Thank-off., \$70, Second Parish Ch., Aux., \$97.50, Busy Bees, \$5, State St. Ch., Aux., \$25,	\$427 04
Total,	\$447 04

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

<i>Fitzwilliam</i> .—A Friend,	\$ 40
<i>Westmoreland</i> .—A Friend,	1 00
Total,	\$1 40

VERMONT.

<i>Vermont Branch.</i> —Mrs. T. M. Howard, Treas. Burlington, Aux., \$25; Dorset, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. H. B. Kent, \$41.50; Jamaica, Sunbeam Band, \$20; Montpelier, Bethany Ch. S. S., \$8.53; New Haven, Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. Hugh Potter, \$29.50; Northfield, Aux., \$17; St. Johnsbury, No. Ch., Boys' Miss'y Soc'y, prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Harriet Parsons, \$20; Townshend, Aux. and S. S., const. L. M. Miss Annie M. Howard, \$25; West Glover, Aux., \$13; Williamstown, Aux., \$6,		\$205 53
Total,		\$205 53

MASSACHUSETTS.

<i>Andover and Woburn Branch.</i> —Miss E. F. Wilder, Treas. Lexington, Hancock Ch., Aux., \$12.98; North Woburn, Aux., \$10; Reading, Aux., \$15; West Medford, Morning Star, M. C., \$15; Medford, McCollom, M. C., \$30,		\$82 98
<i>Ayer Junction.</i> —Mrs. A. S. Hudson,	2 10	
<i>Barnstable Branch.</i> —Miss A. Snow, Treas. Yarmouth, Aux.,	18 42	
<i>Berkshire Branch.</i> —Mrs. S. N. Russell, Treas. Curtisville, Aux., \$17.50; Dalton, Aux., \$26.87; Hinsdale, Aux., of wh. \$6.38 a Thank-off. from three ladies, \$24.49; Egierometha Soc'y, \$23; Housatonic, Aux., \$23.99, Berkshire Workers, of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Miss Evelyn Hitchcock, \$87; Pittsfield, First Ch., \$8.81; West Stockbridge, Aux., \$21.75,	233 41	
<i>Dalton.</i> —Mrs. Zenas M. Crane,	50 00	
<i>Essex North Branch.</i> —Mrs. A. Hammond, Treas. Amesbury, Aux., \$82; Bradford, Aux., \$5,	87 00	
<i>Essex South Branch.</i> —Miss S. W. Clark, Treas. Boxford, Earnest Workers, \$22.37; Gloucester, Aux., \$65; Middleton, Junior Aux., \$20, Cl. of Boys, Cong. S. S., \$5,	112 37	
<i>Hampshire Co. Branch.</i> —Miss I. G. Clarke, Treas. Amherst, Ruby Harding M. B., \$39.31; North Hadley, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Miss Maria Comins, \$6; Williamsburgh, M. C., \$25, Aux., of wh. \$50 by Mrs. Helen E. James,		

const. L. M's Mrs. Helen W. Field, Miss Mary Annette Warner, \$66.60,	\$136 91
<i>Lowell.</i> —Kirk St. Ch.,	56 66
<i>Milbury.</i> —Mrs. Rob't Jones,	60
<i>North Beverly.</i> —A Friend,	25
<i>Norfolk and Pilgrim Branch.</i> —Mrs. F. Shaw, Treas. Plympton, Aux., \$10; Hingham, Aux., \$37,	
	47 00
<i>Old Colony Branch.</i> —Miss F. J. Runnells, Treas. Fall River, Willing Helpers,	
	38 00
<i>Rochester.</i> —Mrs. W. P. Haskell,	1 00
<i>Springfield Branch.</i> —Miss H. T. Buckingham, Treas. Chicopee, Third Ch., Aux., \$15, Busy Bees, const. L. M. Mrs. Herbert Maey, \$45; Springfield, First Ch., Aux., \$50.02, Mr. T. W. Ellis, const. L. M. Mrs. T. W. Ellis, \$25, South Ch., Aux., \$88.71, Junior Aux., \$31.37,	
	255 10
<i>Suffolk Branch.</i> —Miss M. B. Child, Treas. Boston, Mrs. F. W. Carruth, \$20, Mt. Vernon Ch., Aux., Mrs. E. K. Alden, const. L. M. Miss Agnes Cutter, \$25; New Old So. Ch., Light-Bearers Club, \$8, Shawmut Ch., Y. L. M. C., const. L. M's Mrs. Charlotte M. Farnsworth, Miss Laura B. White, Mrs. Lilian W. Adams, \$215; South Boston, Phillips Ch., Aux., Miss Lucinda Smith, const. L. M. Miss Carrie H. Conley, \$25; Roxbury, A Friend, \$2.50; Eliot Ch., Aux., \$10.80, A Mite-box, \$3; Chelsea, Central Ch., Aux., \$11; Cambridgeport, Prospect St. Ch., Aux., \$125.61; Cambridge, Y. L. Aux., Pilgrim Ch., \$54.75; Brighton, Y. L. M. C., \$30; Newton, A. C. Warren, \$1; Hyde Park, Aux., \$90.10; Auburndale, Aux., \$16.61; Walpole, Aux., \$50; M. C., \$5; Dedham, Asylum Dime Soc'y, \$3.78,	
	697 15
<i>Worcester.</i> Mrs. A. E. P. Perkins,	4 40
<i>Worcester Co. Branch.</i> —Mrs. C. A. Lincoln, Treas. Northbridge, Rockdale Willing Workers, \$100; Speneer, Aux., \$75; Ware, Aux., \$99.20, Y. L. M. S., \$10; Warren, Aux., \$10.50; Whitinsville, Aux., \$50; Worcester, Union Ch., Aux., \$174.44, Salem St., Woman's Miss'y Soc'y, \$11.20,	
	530 34
Total,	\$2,351 69

LEGACY.

Legacy of Mrs. Fanny A. Barrett, Boston,	\$102 67
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RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> —Miss A. T. White, Treas. Providence, North Ch., Bible Cl., \$25; Miss Anna Thompson, \$1,	\$26 00
Total,	\$26 00

CONNECTICUT.

<i>Eastern Conn. Branch.</i> —Miss M. I. Lockwood, Treas. Ledyard, Newell Soc'y, \$5.45; Taftville, Aux., \$29.20; Norwich, Broadway Ch., Aux., \$10.40; Helping Hands, \$30, Second Ch., Aux., \$134.24; Thompson, Y. L. M. C., \$5; Scotland, Miss'y Soc'y, \$10; New London, First Ch., Aux., \$64.44, Second Ch., Aux., \$44.25; Mystic Bridge, Aux., \$7.70; Wauregan, Aux., prev. contri. const. L. M. Mrs. Hulda M. Burdick, \$22,	\$362 65
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<i>Hartford Branch.</i> —Miss Anna Morris, Treas. Granby, Aux., \$19; Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., \$274.46, Centre Ch. S. S., \$29, M. C., \$5.46, Pearl St. Ch., S. S., \$40; Plainville, Treasure-Seekers, \$15; Rockville, Aux., \$32, Earnest Seed-Sowers, \$15, Little Helpers, \$10; South Coventry, Aux., \$14; West Hartford, Aux., \$90; Windsor, Aux., \$50; Windsor Locks, Aux., \$31.10, A Friend, \$60,	685 02
<i>New Haven.</i> —Thank-off.,	50

<i>New Haven Branch.</i> —Miss J. Twining, Treas. Bridgeport, Aux., \$20.63; Harwinton, Aux., \$20; Middletown, First Ch., Aux., of wh. \$25 const. L. M. Mrs. Mary E. Cummings, \$35, Ten Times One Circle, \$5; New Britain, South Ch., Aux., \$91, Standard-Bearers, \$20, Little Helpers, \$5; New Haven, Centre Ch., Aux., \$323.71; Redding, Ready Folks, \$30; Sherman, Aux., \$14.25; Southport, First Ch., S. S., \$30; Stratford, Alpha Band, \$20; Washington, Aux., \$44.50; Waterbury, First Ch., Aux., \$28.50; Wilton, Morning Star, \$9; Light-Bearers, \$6.15; Winsted, Aux., \$56.98,	829 72
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<i>Wethersfield.</i> —Miss M. W. Wolcott's S. S. Cl.,	10 00
Total,	\$1,887 89

NEW YORK.

<i>New York State Branch.</i> —Miss C. A. Holmes, Treas. Albany,	
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M. C., \$30; Berkshire, Aux., \$40; Bristol Centre, Aux., \$15; Canandaigua, Aux., \$150; Norwich, Aux., \$40.77; Oswego, Aux., \$40; Rochester, Mt. Hor, Miss'y Friends, \$10; Smyrna, Aux., \$40; Sherburne, Little Lights, \$15; Ex., \$80.77,	\$300 00
<i>Malone.</i> —Mrs. Mary K. Wead,	25 00
<i>New York City.</i> —Miss A. W. Deane,	1 40
<i>Rochester.</i> —Little Helpers, Plymouth Ch., S. S., \$5, Infant Dept., \$1,	6 00
Total,	\$332 40

ALABAMA.

<i>Talladega.</i> —Little Helpers,	\$5 00
Total,	\$5 00

KANSAS.

<i>Ottawa.</i> —A Friend,	\$ 05
Total,	\$ 05

NEBRASKA.

<i>Waverly.</i> —A Friend,	\$ 50
Total,	\$ 50

CALIFORNIA.

<i>Santa Barbara.</i> —Mrs. M. E. Cummings,	\$15 00
Total,	\$15 00

OREGON.

<i>East Portland.</i> —First Cong. Ch.,	\$1 30
Total,	\$1 30

CANADA.

<i>Waterville.</i> —Ladies' Miss'y Soc'y, Cong. Ch.,	\$8 10
Total,	\$8 10

General Funds,	\$5,283 90
Leaflets,	67 78
Legacy,	102 67
Total,	\$5,454 35

MISS HARRIET W. MAY,
Ass't Treas.



LETTER FROM MRS. SARAH H. JONES.

BATTALAGUNDU, MADURA, SO. INDIA,

October 8, 1886.

YOU ask me to tell you of myself and my surroundings, my home and work,—so you must pardon a seeming egotism in my reply.

Since Mrs. Capron left us, last April, I have been in charge of the Bible-women's work, which has been so dear to her, and has had so much of her care. I felt before taking it that my cares were already all I could well attend to, but have been able to do more than I hoped. My own health has been better than at any time since coming to India; and the delicate baby girl, on whose account I was obliged to spend so much of last year away from Madura City, has been kept from any particular illness. I try to go with the Bible-women three afternoons in a week, unless some special interruption prevents; but you may judge that my programme is liable to variation when I say that I have as yet never been able to go out more than two afternoons with them in one week. They and I have a meeting together every Sunday noon, and most of them join our meeting for the Christian women, on Friday afternoon: in this meeting they are a great help to me.

In one afternoon I can visit three or four houses,—or if there are many women present who can read, only two. I go from half-past three to half-past five, as the women are at liberty at that time, and the heat is a little less than earlier in the day. We go to some fine large houses, and to some very poor huts, which hardly deserve the name of home. Sometimes in winding, narrow lanes, where there is only room to go singly, we find the best houses of all. We usually find the women dressed in their best, and wearing all their jewels, and with Bibles or reading-books in their hands. I always hear them read, the first thing, and afterward have a little talk with them. The other day I went to the house of a woman in good circumstances. She had a family of little children, and was neither young nor clever, but she read her page in the Angel's Message with an earnestness which struck me.

Afterward she repeated numbers of Bible verses, and the prayers she used morning and evening. She said to me, "Ammail, I have too much to do to think much about education, but I felt that I must know the Lord. They told me I should learn about him, and I am learning; I cannot tell you what a desire I have to know the Lord."

The same day I went to see a beautiful woman of the silk-weaver caste; she was beautifully dressed, and painted and jeweled as if for a wedding. Her old mother sat on the mat beside her, and occasionally asked her to repeat a verse as she read. Before I left, she begged me to teach her a prayer. She said she had tried to learn the Lord's Prayer, but could not. She was not a disciple, but she wanted a little prayer which she might use many times in a day. I told her to say, "Lord Jesus, send thy Holy Spirit to teach me through my Word"; and the Bible-woman says she never opens her book to read without that prayer.

I find it hard to choose special cases to bring to your notice, because each is so interesting to me in its own way. I think always of the last one, most.

One afternoon I went out with a Bible-woman whose name was Spiritual Light. In the first house to which she took me there was only one woman to read. The house stood back from the street, and had a quiet court, shaded by a big pumpkin-vine. It was cool and still, and the woman, whose name meant "Golden Mother," read of Adam and Eve and the fall in the garden. Then she repeated many Bible verses, beginning with "God so loved the world," etc. I talked with her of the coming of sin into the world, which had made the coming of a Saviour necessary. As we went in, my companion told me she had asked the woman next in order, whose name meant "Speech," to go to the schoolhouse to read, as her own home was dirty and noisy, and to be reached only by going through a yard full of cattle. However, we met her in the street, and she urged us to go to her house, saying the men were away and the cattle tied. She placed a box for me to sit on, and read hesitatingly and uncertainly, but with evident pride and satisfaction, the story of the feeding of the five thousand. She had also learned some verses, which she repeated. But, meanwhile, a crowd of people, evidently Mohammedans, had collected, and were noisy, though good-natured. After we left, the Bible-woman told me that at this place a month before, the reader had been insulted and driven away by the Mohammedans, and that this woman's husband had torn up and thrown into the dust-heap her Bible. This was the reason she had not desired us to go there. When she next met "Speech," she told her that her husband had

been close at hand during the visit, and had only asked why she had not given the lady some milk. The next house was a fine large one in the tailor part of the town. It was occupied by several families. Four women came to read to me, all but one reading from the Bible. All the women and children of the house gathered about, and the door was shut and locked to prevent others entering, for the old woman said she wanted to hear all the lady said, and she could not if she were busy keeping out children and dogs. One girl repeated Bible verses and Psalms till we had no time to hear more. There was much moving about, but the older women, who could not read a word, sat at my feet all the time, nodding assent to all my words. When we left the house a storm was gathering. I had heard some peals of thunder, so I got into my bullock-bandy and hurried home, very weary and exhausted, to find the little ones waiting for mamma and her needed care, and I wished most earnestly for one who could give all her time and strength to this one branch of work, instead of having it a side issue.

Sometimes our experiences are of an amusing kind, as was our call at a rich silk-weaver's home a few days ago. The master of the house was at home, and insisted upon showing us his new home, with its European furnishings, telling us at every turn how much Mrs. Capron had liked him, and how sorry she had been to leave without seeing this home. These people never tell us how much they like the missionaries; it is always how fond the missionaries are of them. This man placed two chairs, and said, "Sit down,"—all the English he knew; then, with much ceremony, he took a big bunch of keys and produced from a cupboard a can of French perfumery, and insisted upon pouring some over our hands. He evidently meant to treat us in genuine European fashion. Miss Houston was with me, and shared my amusement.

Through this city hundreds of women are regularly reading the Bible, and the result must one day be seen. Many of them talk like Christians, but they are ignorant of the first principles of Christian life or belief. Many of them seem to have a sincere, humble belief in the Saviour, but they do not understand about the Christian Church, and see no reason to join the body of believers of all castes and kinds who make up our churches, while many would gladly accept baptism at their homes. Perhaps most of them will openly join us only after the men of their families have done so.

LETTER FROM MRS. BARNUM.

This letter completes the story begun in November LIFE AND LIGHT.

VAN, TURKEY, Sept. 23, 1886.

DEAR FRIENDS: In my last letter I gave a half promise to tell you something of this city and of the work here. The city of Van is situated near the lake of the same name. It lies along the side of a large rock, which rises abruptly from the plain about 300 feet, and which has the remains of a wall and fortifications. Some of them are in a pretty good state of preservation, and are now occupied by Turkish troops. In old Armenian books Van is called the city of Semiramis, and is said to have been built by her. A little stream a few hours distant is still called by her name.

In various places on the castle-rock are inscriptions.

The population of Van is estimated at from 30,000 to 40,000, of whom the greater number are Armenians.

The region about here is said to be the Togarmah of the Bible: see Genesis x. 3 and Ezekiel xxvii. 14. Lake Van, 5,000 to 6,000 feet above the sea, is deeply sunk among the mountains. It is about seventy-five miles long, and has no outlet. The views along its shores are very beautiful.

The city proper has a double wall, and several gates for entrance. From the city, extending up the plain three or four miles, are houses and gardens, with broad streets lined with trees, which give this part of Van a pretty appearance, and beyond and all around are mountains, with here and there a village or a monastery.

The missionaries live in the "gardens," about three miles from the city, and here they have established a boys' and girls' school.

At present there is but one missionary family here, that of Dr. Raynolds. Two ladies from America, Misses Kimball and Johnson, have charge of the girls' boarding and day school.

The work here was commenced in 1872, by three missionaries and their families. Now there is a little church of thirty-eight members, of whom eight are women. But some of the church-members have moved to other places, and those here are scattered, some living in the city, others in the gardens. Since we have been here Dr. Raynolds and Mr. Barnum have taken turns in going to the city on the Sabbath, as meetings are held in both places, the largest congregation being here.

The work among the women has not made so much advance as we could wish, although Mrs. Raynolds has labored hard among them; now, her health will not allow her to do much, though she has a "mite society," and holds meetings when she can. The wives of some of the brethren still cling to the old church. Recently

one of the church-members and his wife were blessed by the birth of their first child, and they desired to present the child themselves for baptism; but one day some of the old female relatives suddenly rushed off with the little one, while the father was away and the mother in bed, and had it baptized by the priests.

But the heaven is working. It may be slowly, but, I believe, surely, and some day these women will awake from this dead formalism and superstition into the life and liberty of the gospel. Pray for them.

Van is the youngest mission in our mission, and being in the heart of Armenia, the national (Armenian) feeling is very strong. In this region some of its ancient kings are said to be buried. There are many monasteries here, and feasts and holy days abound, so that the work seems more difficult than in most places. The missionaries live in the gardens, because they found the city so very unhealthy, but they are here in the midst of a large Armenian population. We expect to start for Harpoot, October 4th; reaching there in eighteen or twenty days.

Home Department.

TO THE YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETIES.

DEAR GIRLS: Among your plans for the new year, have you arranged for union meetings of your societies? By associations, or by groups of six or twelve, I hope you will all meet at least once this year. It will be an inspiration to spend a day together discussing plans and experiences. Your hearts will burn within you as you rehearse to one another Scripture lessons or heart experiences that, having greatly helped one, should be shared by many. And the social tea-hour will not be half long enough for making acquaintances and exchanging greetings. Let me tell you how the Juniors in this neighborhood help each other. The meeting of the Young Ladies' Societies in Chicago and vicinity, was held in Plymouth Church, Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 11th, and brought together representatives of many different societies. Mrs. Lyman Baird, long identified with the work of the Juniors, presided in the afternoon, and Mrs. Normand S. Patton, the president of the Young Ladies' Society in the New England Church, in the evening. The secretaries of the various societies gave short, suggestive reports; one of the Union Park girls, Miss Florence Ho-

mer, read a paper, "How the Kingdom Comes," which you must all see some time, and the Statement of Work for the year, prepared by Miss Mary H. Porter, was read. The question-box, opened by Miss Wingate, brought out answers witty and wise, and Miss Amy Blatchford led a half-hour of prayer. This closed the afternoon session. But many a lesson of consecration, of faithfulness, of courage, and of high resolve had fallen from lips whose low, sweet tones are seldom heard outside the home-walls. Here are some of the questions:—

Question.—When shall monthly pledges be paid?

Answer.—Regularly every month. If paid all at once at the close of the year, we get only one twelfth of the blessing that comes from paying regularly twelve times a year.

Question.—Do these words, "The President shall have a general oversight of all the work of an auxiliary" mean that she shall *do* all the work, prepare programmes, solicit funds, call on absent members, etc.?"

Answer.—The President is the executive officer whose duty it is to see that the Programme Committee, the Solicitors, the Look-out Committee, the *Life and Light*, *Mission Studies*, and all other committees, do their work faithfully.

Question.—Should the success of a society be measured by the amount of its contributions?

Answer.—Rather by the growth in prayerfulness and self-denial of its members.

Question.—Is there any royal road to success in missionary work?

Answer.—Good earnest work with hands, and head, and heart. Remember the three H's.

Question.—Would it not be better to evangelize America before sending the gospel abroad?

Answered by a young man, who said we should have to wait as long as the Irishman who had determined, finding his new boots very tight, not to put them on till he had worn them a few days.

Question.—What part should young men take in foreign missionary work?

Answered by a young man, who said they would gladly do anything the young ladies asked of them. Dear girls, I hope you will be able to convince them that something more than that is laid upon them as their duty. If not, what will become of the American Board when these young men are the older men?

Question.—Why does the ten-dollar bill given for foreign missions look so much larger than the one we spend for ourselves?

Question.—What does the urgent call for more missionaries mean to those of us who cannot go?

Leaving these last two questions for you to answer for yourselves, dear girls, I turn to Miss Porter's statement, which was so tender and earnest in its appeal that I must copy a part for you, hoping that you will be led to send for it to 53 Dearborn Street, and study it for yourselves.

"The word Pontiff is said 'to be derived from Pons, a bridge, and facere, to make, because the first bridge over the Tiber was constructed and consecrated by the High-Priest, and from it he received his title;' so 'Pontifex Maximus,' the religious head of the old Roman people, meant simply 'Supreme Bridge-builder.' Let us consider, beloved, 'partakers of the heavenly calling, the apostle and High-Priest of our profession, *Christ Jesus.*' Was he not in very truth the Pontifex Maximus? Are we not blessed in that he has called us to be co-workers with him, not in bridging the vast chasm between sinning souls and God,—that he has done once, and perfectly,—but in making the high-ways over which messengers may go, bearing the precious tidings of his finished work, and telling those who, but for our labors, might never hear the glad tidings that for them, too, there is an open way to their Father's love, their Father's house. I wish we might carry into our work for the coming year more constantly than ever before, the remembrance of the fundamental truths upon which it is built.

"While watchful in our methods and fertile in expedients, let us be yet more careful of our spirit, making our simplest service real, by connecting it, by a living trust, with the service of our Lord. It is only so that we can raise it from worrying, harassing drudgery, to strong, helpful, uplifting ministry.

"*Heartily*, as unto the Lord, and not unto men!" How clouds and perplexities are dissipated by that thought! How it drives back from our lips the impatient, fretful wish that we were 'other than we are,' had larger means, wider opportunities, greater abilities, and checks the 'I cannot,' replacing it by, 'I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.'

"It is our pride, not our humility, which holds us back from many a service we might render. Our plea of inability, truly interpreted, means, 'I cannot do it so as to gain the admiration which I crave, so I am not willing to try.'

"Honestly, dear girls, how many of the omissions of the past year came from such pride?

"Now, cannot we leave this at our dear Lord's feet, and begin the New Year ready, through his grace, to do whatever he sets before us with our might. If not in *the* best way, in *our* best. Perhaps in the end, some of that which we account least, may prove the pure gold; while that which we regard as more worthy, may be consumed with the wood, hay, and stubble."

After giving the items of special work as presented in our February number, and many interesting facts about them, Miss Porter's paper closed with these words, which I hope, dear girls, you will read to all your older friends who want to see just where their money is spent, and feel no interest in giving to the General Fund.

"FOR GENERAL FUND, \$2,419.80. Two thousand four hundred dollars! More than a fourth of the year's pledge for General Fund! What *does* it mean? Just this, dear girls, that we believe

in the *coming of Christ's kingdom*; believe that the new year is to bring fresh, imperative demands, and that there must be money in the treasury to meet them. We believe that doors will be opened, when it will not be a question whether we shall enter now or later, but which we must enter now or never.

"During our Civil War, one of the divisions of the engineering department was known as the 'Construction and Repair Corps.' It was most valuable at critical times, when loss was imminent—absolutely essential to prevent failure. Its cost to the Government was two million of dollars per month. Much of its most important work was done on bridges. Are you not willing to stand ready for the missionary emergency? Rather, will you not rejoice that you may be the ones to respond when the urgent call for immediate outlay comes?

"A large General Fund is not only desirable, it is absolutely indispensable to the strong, aggressive work of an organization whose agencies reach around the world. 'But,' do you still ask, 'why should this be given to us? Why not give it to the Senior societies, and let us have specific work?' Let the beloved apostle answer: 'I have written unto you, young (wo)men, because ye are *strong*.' We believe not only in the coming of Christ's kingdom, but in *you*, as ready to do those things which will hasten it. We believe that the knowledge and love you have been gaining by the study of the last few years, has been preparing you to break away, more and more, from work for 'our missionary,' or even—although that was a long step in advance—for, 'our Bridge.' and to give gladly and largely for the needs of the world, without knowing in advance to what special object your gift is to be appropriated. As we thus trust you, we ask confidence in return. Like the rank and file of an army, you must believe in your leaders, and follow loyally their planning. With God's blessing upon your work and ours, we shall at the year's close 'rejoice together,' and over nothing more heartily than in what we have been permitted to do with your General Fund.

"Just one word more. Year after year you have watched the rearing of your Bridge. Into it have gone your interest, your contributions, your prayers, until it has become a very real thing to some of you. Has nothing come back to you over it? Have you not seemed to see heathen women beckoning? Have no appeals from China, India, Africa, or the islands of the sea moved across it and stopped at your very heart's door? Has it been easier to give than to listen? Oh! if that voice, which if you are indeed His, you *know*, calls you by name, hasten to answer, 'Rabboni;' and if he reply, 'Go quickly and tell,' still do not shrink, for with the command comes the strength, with the 'high calling' the promise, 'I will be with thee; I will comfort thee.'"

It was an inspiration to our girls in Chicago to read Miss Porter's paper together; and then the evening meeting, which was mostly occupied by Dr. Davis, of Japan, thrilled them with a new sense of the needs of the heathen world, of the compensation that comes to every faithful missionary, and of the necessity laid upon each one to consider the question, "SHALL I GO?"

M. J. W.

TWO LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Two life members lately received to our Board have opened wellsprings in our hearts. One joins us in the sweetest of fellowships to a woman who, though still young, has known the joys and sorrows of daughter, wife, mother, and widow in an East Indian home, and has learned that it is only the gospel message that has made our homes so different. Her response may suggest thoughts for others who hold the same relation to us.

553 NORTH 16TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1886.

To the President of Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior:

DEAR MADAM,—The certificate constituting me a member for life of the W. B. M. I., came to my hand on the 6th inst. It was very kind of you to give me the privilege of being a member of your body, and a co-worker in the rich harvest-field of God. I accept the privilege with many thanks, but not without some hesitation. It is a great responsibility, and a greater undertaking than I can comprehend. I had no wish to join any body, having very little confidence in myself about being able to fulfill the rules and regulations. But as this has come unlooked for, it seems to be the Lord's wish that I should be one of you, and I will do my best in my own sphere of work to fulfill the duty of a life member of your body, trusting that you will pray God to give me the strength and grace to do so.

With gratitude for having granted me the privilege, and with respect, I remain,

Truly yours, RAMABAI.

The other life membership came to one whose tiny hand was already in that of the angel who was waiting to lead her to the home above. For a few short hours Baby Mabel was our youngest life member, but she will learn it first from angel teachers, or from that mother who, while sweetly resigning her to their training, reaches after her with such love and longing that her thoughts must be audible to the finely-tuned ears of the angel child. To that mother, she is a member of our missionary family forever and ever. Safe in God's keeping, she seems to send messages which the mother ponders in her heart. She calls her to remember the little ones across the seas never fostered and cared for as she was. She whispers, "As your love for me can never die, so Christ, who loves his own, will love them to the end. Seek out and help his own in other lands." Thanks be to God for these blessed children whose angels always behold the face of our Father which is in heaven.

STUDIES IN MISSIONARY HISTORY.

JAPAN — No. 2.

Japanese Superstitions and Worship: See "Japanese Summer Retreat," *Life and Light*, 1886.

Work at Kioto: Girls' School; Kioto College. *Mission Studies*, March.

Osaka Station: Girls' School.

Work Among Women: See *Mission Studies*, March.

Churches: See Annual Reports of A. B. C. F. M.; *Mission Studies*, March.

Medical Work: Annual Reports of A. B. C. F. M.

Story: "Four Days' Joy at Joshu," American Board Mission Letter Series; "The First Protestant Baptisms in Japan," *Missionary Herald*, January, 1887.

A new Training-School for Japan: In what part of the Empire? How is it supported? What influences led to its establishment? See *Herald*, January, 1887.

Northern Japan Mission: Has any church been organized? What is the outlook?

MRS. CHARLES G. HAMMOND.

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

No one who had the privilege of looking at the beautiful face of Mrs. Charlotte B. Hammond in her last sleep, could doubt the fullness of her joy. Dressed, by her own request, in white, she seemed in very truth ready for a bridal.

Seldom is death so robbed of its terrors. It was a quiet sleep, and she awaked on the other side. The dreaded transition she never realized. Thus gently doth the Father guard even the fears of his beloved.

A false step, a fall, a broken hip, six weeks of patient suffering upon her bed, tell the story of her last illness.

Mrs. Hammond was born in Whitestown, N. Y., in 1807. Among her familiar friends, especially the children, of whom she was very fond, she was always called "a Valentine," and there will be many heartfelt regrets on Feb. 14, 1887, that "Grandma" Hammond's eightieth birthday can never be celebrated.

Before her marriage, which was in her twentieth year, she made a public profession of religion, uniting with the Presbyterian Church in her native town. This profession she honored by a most consistent life at her home in Canandaigua, then in Detroit, and later in Chicago, where she removed with her family, in 1852. When the New England Church, Chicago, was organized, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond were among its first members, and the church has lost, in their death, two of its most earnest, devoted, and loving supporters, whose places it will be hard to fill.

Mrs. Hammond always held an official position in the W. B. M. I. She was its first Treasurer, and after that followed the work of the Board, either as Manager or Vice-President, with undiminished interest, although for many years prevented by infirmity from attending the meetings.

On her table by the side of her Bible one could always find the latest issue of LIFE AND LIGHT and MISSION STUDIES, and it is doubtful if ever a number of either was laid aside without a second reading.

In the death of Mr. Hammond, six years after their golden wedding, she lost the strong arm upon which, with perfect confidence and affection, she had leaned so long. "How can I live without my husband's prayers" was her plaintive cry, and yet no word of complaint ever passed her lips. She drank the bitter cup without a murmur, only saying, when younger friends were called from earth, "I wonder why I am left so long?" The blessed memory of those two lives, so touchingly one, will always abide with their large circle of friends. As another has said of them, "Like Zacharias and Elizabeth, they were both blameless before God."

E. M. B.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE INTERIOR.

Mrs. J. B. LEAKE, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FROM DECEMBER 18, 1886, TO JANUARY 18, 1887.

ILLINOIS.

BRANCH.—Mrs. W. A. Talcott, of Rockford, Treas. *Ashkum*, 80 cts.; *Champaign*, 10; *Clifton*, 2; *Chicago*, Mrs. C., 1, First Ch., of wh. 25 from Mrs. B. M. Frees, to const. self L. M., 73.80, Union Pk. Ch., of wh. Mrs. H. W. Rice 25, to const. L. M. Miss Rebecca M. Oaks, Mrs. Ralph Greenlee 25, to const. L. M. Miss Gertrude Greenlee, Mrs. A. Farrar 25, to const. L. M. Miss Cora Randall, 75, Western Ave., Ch., 29.44, Leavitt St. Ch., 4.40, South Ch., 14.50; *Downer's Grove*, 3.87; *Elgin*, 12.70; *Galesburg*, First Ch. of Christ, 37.50; *Galva*, 41.30; *Geneseo*, 52; *La Grange*, 5; *Moline*, 18.10; *Oak Park*, 29.70; *Payson*, 16; *Springfield*, Mrs. C. L. P., 5; *Sycamore*, of wh. 6 is for Mrs. Skeels' Memorial, 14; *Waukonsie Grove*, 10; *Wilmette*, 9.85, 465 96

JUNIOR: *Chicago*, First Ch., 120.70, Union Pk. Ch., 62.92, Lincoln Park Ch., 9; *Glencoe*, 5; *Greenville*, 11; *Granville*, 25; *Port Byron*, 7; *Ravenswood*, 25; *Rockford*, First Ch., 20.74; *Wyoming*, Light-Bearers, 5.40, 291 76

JUVENILE: *Ashkum*, Buds of Promise, 65 cts., *Cable*, Gospel Messengers, 15; *Chicago*, Western Ave., Star Soc., 18; *Elgin*, Acorn Mission Band, 25; *Geneseo*, Jug and Envelope Band, 10, 68 65

Total, 826 37

IOWA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. E. R. Potter, of Grinnell, Treas. *Alden*, 2.50; *Burlington*, 15; *Des Moines*, Plymouth Ch., 18.14; *Grinnell*, 11; *Lyons*, 14; *Montour*, 9 71; *Stuart*, 10; *Red Oak*, 25, 105 35

JUNIOR: *Decorah*, 10; *Grinnell*, 14.15; *Marion*, 20; *Marengo*, Bertha Pearse, 25 cts., 44 40

Total, 149 75

KANSAS.

Oneida.—Miss Lina Neely, 1 00

Total, 1 00

MICHIGAN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Charles E. Fox, of Detroit, Treas. *Alpena*, 13; *Benzonia*, 11; *Calumet*, 15; *Ceresco*, 6.63; *Charlotte*, 19; *Chelsea*, 19; *Detroit*, First Ch., 124.65, Woodward Ave. Ch., 45; *Dowagiac*, 4.50; *Grand Blanc*, 19.35; *Grand Rapids*, First Ch., 100; *Alpine and Walker*, 15.30; *Kalamazoo*, 6; *Lansing*, 2; *Memphis*, 5; *Sandstone*, 13; *Stanton*, 18.80; *Tawas City*, 1.90; *Vermontville*, 8.50; *West Adrian*, 5; *Ypsilanti*, 25, 477 63

JUNIOR: *Detroit*, First Ch., 100; Woodward Ave. Ch., 125, 225 00

JUVENILE: *Detroit*, First Ch., Sunbeam Band and Opportunity Club, 25; *Grand Blanc*, Willing Workers, 2.10; *Grand Rapids*, South Ch., Sunbeam Band, 2; *Stanton*, 5; *Tawas City*, 6, 40 10

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: *Detroit*, Trumbull Ave., 6 00

Total, 748 73

MINNESOTA.

BRANCH.—Mrs. E. M. Williams, of Northfield, Treas. *Austin*, 5.75; *Medford*, 75 cts.; *Northfield*, 57.55; *Ortonville*, 3; *Owatonna*, 12; *Zumbrota*, 7, 86 05

JUNIOR: *Northfield*, Carleton College Aux., 69 49

JUVENILE: *Austin*, Scatter Good Soc., 19; *Northfield*, Willing Workers, 52.44; *Ortonville*, S. S., 7.50, 78 94

Total, 234 48

MISSOURI.

BRANCH.—Mrs. J. H. Drew, 3101 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Treas. <i>Kansas City</i> , First Ch., 45; <i>St. Louis</i> , First Ch., Thank-offering, 12.64, Pilgrim Ch., 35.50,	93 14
JUNIOR: <i>St. Louis</i> , Hyde Park Gleaners, 4, Minnie Brown Memorial Fund 5, Thank- offering, 1,	10 60
JUVENILE: <i>St. Louis</i> , Hyde Park Morning Star Band,	1 20
Total,	104 34

MONTANA.

<i>Billings</i> .—Mrs. S. A. Wallace's S. S. Class, 9,	9 00
Total,	9 00

NEBRASKA.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCI- ATION.—Mrs. Geo. W. Hall, of Omaha, Treas. <i>Albion</i> , 3; <i>Fontenelle</i> , 1; <i>Lincoln</i> , 1.25; <i>Monroe</i> , 1; <i>Nebraska City</i> , 8; <i>Omaha</i> , St. Mary's Ave., 21.10; <i>Omaha</i> , First Ch., 30.25; <i>President</i> , 2; <i>Sunlight</i> , 1; <i>Steele City</i> , Mrs. Dresser, 10; <i>Springfield</i> , Minnie Brown Memorial Fund, 6,	84 60
JUVENILE: <i>Groversville</i> , Mis- sion Band, 1.20; <i>Nebraska</i> <i>City</i> , Mission Band, 3.41; <i>Omaha</i> , Zion's Cadets, 5; <i>York</i> , Mission Band, 64, cts.,	16 01
Total,	100 61
Less expenses,	61
Branch Total,	100 00
<i>Nebraska City</i> .—Mrs. F. N. Lawrence,	6 85
Total,	106 85

OHIO.

BRANCH.—Mrs. Geo. H. Ely, of Elyria, Treas. <i>Chatham</i> , 10; <i>Hudson</i> , 10; <i>Sheffield</i> , 10; <i>Springfield</i> , 16; <i>Steuben</i> , 10,	56 00
JUNIOR: <i>Elyria</i> , Y. L. S., 10; <i>Marietta</i> , First Ch., Y. L. S., 65,	75 00
JUVENILE: <i>Medina</i> , Girls' M. B., 1; <i>Mt. Vernon</i> , Willing Workers, 3, Acorn Band, 3,	7 00
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS: <i>Kinsman</i> , 15.90; <i>Unionville</i> , 3.66,	19 56
	157 56

ROCKY MOUNTAIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. H. R. Jones, of South Pueblo, Col., Treas. <i>Denver</i> , First Ch., 100, West Ch., 10,	110 00
JUVENILE: <i>Denver</i> , Second Ch., Happy Helpers,	5 00
Total,	115 00

SOUTH DAKOTA.

<i>Redfield</i> , S. S., Harvest Home,	8 29
Total,	8 29

WISCONSIN.

BRANCH.—Mrs. R. Coburn, of Whitewater, Treas. <i>Bloom- ington</i> , 10; <i>Beloit</i> , First Ch., 28.88; <i>Beloit</i> , Second Ch., 17.69; <i>Bloomer</i> , 3.30; <i>Big Spring</i> , 70 cts., <i>Evansville</i> , 6; <i>Friendship</i> , 70 cts, <i>Green Bay</i> , 35; <i>Grand Rapids</i> , 6; <i>Ladoga</i> , 10; <i>Mt. Zion</i> , 3; <i>Madison</i> , 29; <i>New Chester</i> , 2.30; <i>Ripon</i> , 25; <i>Stoughton</i> , 1; <i>Viroqua</i> , 8,	186 57
JUNIOR: <i>New Lisbon</i> , Y. P.,	1 00
MORNING STAR: <i>Milwaukee</i> , Grand Ave., S. S.,	6 28
Total,	193 85
Less expenses,	13 86
Branch Total,	179 99
—A Friend, per Mrs. J. Porter, const. L. M. Miss Carrie J. Abbott and Miss Alice Palmer,	50 00
Total,	229 99

FLORIDA.

<i>Tampa</i> .—Mrs. Jeremiah Por- ter, const. L. M. Mrs. Charlotte W. Ayers and Mrs. Caroline A. Pettingill,	50 00
Total,	50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sale of leaflets, 18.78; of "The Orient and Its People," 1; of collection envelopes, 4.40,	24 18
Total,	24 18
Receipts for month,	2,770 79
Previously acknowledged,	3,566 69
Total since Oct. 21,	\$6,337 48



JAPAN.

Miss Gunnison writes of the vacation travels of some of her associates:—

I HEARD a very touching little incident which occurred in a town where they held meetings with the women. There was one bright little woman who was full of love and zeal, the love in her heart beaming from her eyes. Her life previous to her becoming a Christian was a very unhappy one; but since the love of Christ has entered her heart and life, joy has entered also. The morning the ladies were to take their departure, this dear little woman came to them and said, "I wanted to give you something, but could not find anything that seemed appropriate, so will you accept this?" With these words she dropped ten cents into their hands. . . . Surely the Lord will bless that gift, and the ladies will devote it to the Lord's work.

Would that more love could accompany *our* gifts!

It seems to us who are in Japan, that it is more important that Christianity should be carried forward with all possible haste here, at present, than in any other heathen country in the world, in order to keep pace with the great social and intellectual advancement of the people.

It appears evident that before many years have passed, Japan will be known as a Christian nation. Whether this change will be merely one of the head, unaccompanied by the heart, only our Heavenly Father knows. But how great is the responsibility of those who have been born and raised under the light of the gospel!

. . . . Every one can do something for the Master to help in evangelizing the world. . . . There is a grand opportunity for kindergarten work in several places in our mission, and we are longing for some one to take up this important department. It could be done without a knowledge of the language by working through the native teachers who understand English.

Miss Gunnison reports additions to the Kobe School, and adds:—

With this large increase in the number of our pupils, we feel a greater increase of our responsibility. Just so many more souls given into our charge to win for the Lord! Dear friends, let us have your earnest prayers. These souls are under your keeping as well as ours.

ANNUAL REPORT OF HOME SECRETARY.

IN the light and shadow of encouragement and discouragement, we survey our home field at the close of the thirteenth year of our existence as a Board of foreign missions. For the evidences of an awakened interest, here and there, in missionary work in those hitherto indifferent; for the new fields brought under cultivation; for the increased activity in some of our societies, showing a love of missions to be taking deeper root in their heart,—we thank God, and take courage. But when we consider how disproportionate the progress made has been to our hopes and plans at the beginning of the year, and confront the fact that a large proportion, if not a majority, of the women of our churches are not in active sympathy with foreign missionary work; that, having eyes to see, they see not the duty of reaching out a helping hand to heathen perishing for the bread of life; having ears to hear, they hear not their cry, nor the voice of the Master, “Go preach my gospel to every creature,”—this aspect of the home field discourages. It does reveal formidable obstacles in our path, and overburdens the comparative few seeking to evangelize the world,—a duty laid upon all alike.

After giving information concerning our thirty-two auxiliary societies, Mrs. Warren alludes to the growth and prosperity of the Oregon and Washington Territory Branch, and continues:—

We rejoice in this evidence of vitality in the churches of that region, and are sure that a reflex blessing will come to them in the broadening and deepening of their Christian life. In this State there are several towns in which we have helpers who are waiting for the time when they may organize a missionary society, with reasonable hope of its continued existence. We regret to report that, so far as is known to the secretaries, only one senior society has been gained during the year,—that of Pasadena. The larger number of our auxiliaries we believe to be in good working order, and some, by unwearied, persistent, and prayerful labor, have become notable factors in Christian work in their respective localities. Others have a struggling existence. Unable to maintain regular meetings, they do not keep abreast of the times in missionary intelligence, and they lack the enthusiasm and stimulus that comes from frequent contact with fellow-workers. That we may have a better insight of the discouragements of some in their efforts to keep alive a missionary society, I quote from a letter received from a lady who is herself a warm friend of missions. She writes: “Our auxiliary hardly deserves the name. We have had no regular meetings for a year. There was a call for a meet-

ing last week; but, as usual, no one came, so it passed over. Then I took letters received from the President and Secretary of the Board, some mission papers, and went personally to those whom I knew to be interested in the work, collected twelve dollars, and got a new subscriber for *LIFE AND LIGHT*, which, I hope, will be circulated and read. It is easier to get money than the time and interest to attend a meeting. We try to circulate missionary publications each month, but they are not read with any zeal to get information, but are laid aside till called for."

This lady's experience is not solitary, but has too many counterparts in other places. It will be seen what difficulties lie in the way of disseminating missionary intelligence, and where it is lacking we shall vainly look for any real awakening of the missionary spirit. How to get such knowledge before the people who seek it not, is a problem to be worked out. In this emergency we must appeal to the pastors of our churches. Without their help and their earnest, hearty co-operation, we see little or no prospect of success. And so we urge them to call attention to, and explain the object and work of, the Woman's Board, that their people be not ignorant of the progress of Christ's kingdom in heathen lands, and their own relation to that progress. In no instance known to us where a pastor has made it a matter of personal interest so to instruct his people, has an appeal in behalf of foreign missions failed of a generous response.

One line of the work done in the last year, and which has thrown much labor on the secretaries, was the attempt to obtain from the Sunday-schools of the State \$500 for the running expenses of the *Morning Star*.

If the result of this effort has been disappointing in falling short of the desired amount, yet in another aspect has it been most gratifying. A large number of schools quickly responded, and sent their gifts in a spirit that places them among the givers that the Lord loveth. Many of these were the schools of our little home missionary churches, stretching out for the first time helping hands in obedience to the command, "Go teach all nations!" A little school in Marysville of twelve or fifteen Chinese, out of their poverty gave \$5.85—one evidence of the truth of the assertion that "when the heathen come into the light, they are more Christian than we in their conceptions of duty and privilege, and shame us by their giving." The Sunday-school in Pasadena, just organized, and in pressing need itself, did not hesitate to send its first collection (\$8) to speed on the missionary ship. Other similar examples

of giving might be cited, but time forbids. From a large number of Sunday-schools have started these little rills of benevolence. Let us pray that these newly opened fountains may continue to flow till they fill the ever-widening channels of Christian giving.

Grateful mention is made of the thriving "Young Ladies' Branch" and of the budding activities of our juvenile bands, and the report continues:—

We have taken some account of the past, and given a partial survey of our gleaming fields; let us take a wider view, and consider what are our possibilities of growth.

In this State we count 115 Congregational churches, with a female membership of 4,500,—probably a little more. Of these, 34 are self-supporting, leaving 81 home missionary churches. Many of these are without a church-building, worshiping in a hall or schoolhouse. And all have need of more money than they can command, to build a church, it may be, to support the pastor, and to meet the necessities of the Sabbath-school.

If "America Christianized means the world Christianized," as many believe, of what superlative importance is the work which these home missionary churches are seeking to do! And if some believe that they can better promote the advancement of Christ's kingdom by bestowing all they have to give on his work at home, it need not imply an indifference to foreign missionary work. Still, it may be asked, is not this a narrow view of Christian duty? If God has opened doors of opportunity in all lands for the entrance of the gospel, will he not demand that his people put forth the power to enter those doors and secure the triumph of his kingdom? Can the poorest of us afford to have no direct share in this grandest of all work?

We cannot turn away from the pitiful cries for help that come to us from the dreadful deeps and woods of heathenism. "Tell them," said a poor heathen woman to a missionary friend, "that we are dying fast. Ask them to send the gospel faster."

Our home missionary churches may not have large gifts to bestow according to worldly standards of measurement, but let them not withhold their gifts because they must be small. If the mites we give are according to our ability, and truly represent self-denial and sacrifice, the Lord of the treasury, who always measures the gift by the sacrifice it costs, will bless both the gift and the giver. The faithful gathering of little gifts brings no insignificant results.

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